

NEW PLASTIC BAG BAN RETAIL STORES AND RESTAURANTS



JUNE 2022

- Ordinance effective
- Education period



JULY 2023

- **RETAIL STORES** may not provide plastic bags
- **GROCERY STORES & MARKETS** may not provide plastic produce bags



JUNE 2024

- **FOOD PROVIDERS** may not offer plastic bags

Background

On May 17, 2022, the City of Carlsbad adopted multiple ordinances aiming to reduce single-use plastics, including a phased-in ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and produce bags which expands on existing state law (SB 270 and Proposition 67).

Which businesses does this apply to?

- Retail stores (clothing, electronics, home products, hardware, etc.)
- Food service providers (cafes, restaurants, food trucks, etc.)
- Grocery stores and farmers' markets (for produce bags)

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Which bags are allowed vs. prohibited?

Businesses cannot provide plastic carryout bags or plastic produce bags. Carryout bags provided must be reusable or paper bags. Produce bags provided must be reusable, paper or compostable bags. Customers may bring their own bags.

Is there a bag fee?

Yes. Carryout bags can be provided for a fee of at least 10 cents per bag.

Does this change the existing grocery store bag ban?

No. This policy expands on existing state law to include retail stores, restaurants and produce bags. Stores regulated under the state bag ban will continue to follow those requirements.

What are the benefits of participating?

- Help reduce harmful plastics and litter in the ocean and public areas
- Save money by encouraging reusables and reduce number of bags provided by the business
- Avoid enforcement for violating city and state law

SWAP THIS



Plastic carryout bags
Plastic produce/bulk bags



FOR THIS



**Reusable, paper or BPI-certified
compostable bags**

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